

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS
WESTERN DIVISION**

In re)
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) Chapter 11, No. 24-40213-EDK
ARIEL LLC)
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Debtor)
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RESPONSE TO MOTION TO CONVERT

To the **HONORABLE ELIZABETH D. KATZ**, Chief Bankruptcy Judge:

Now comes Ariel, LLC (the “Debtor”), a debtor-in-possession, under Chapter 11, Subchapter V of Title 11 of the United States Code (the “Bankruptcy Code”) in the above-captioned matter, and responds as follows to the Motion to Convert filed by the U.S. Trustee (Docket No. 196).

INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT

The Debtor has filed the Monthly Statements. These were finalized on February 14, 2025, and, on that date, the undersigned informed the U.S. Trustee that these had been prepared and were going to be filed. The Debtor also provided these to the U.S. Trustee, with bank statements, prior to the filing of the statements with the court. Although these statements should have been filed earlier, there were some personal issues delaying these filings.

RESPONSE TO SPECIFIC PARAGRAPH ASSERTIONS

1. – 12. Admitted, although, concerning Paragraph 12, the undersigned informed the U.S. Trustee that the monthly statements had been prepared and were to be forwarded/filed shortly.

13. – 15. As these paragraphs merely repeat the language of statutes, no response is required. The Debtor, however, admits that the U.S. Trustee has accurately stated the applicable sections.

16. The Debtor and undersigned have had personal issues pending. Regardless, the cash flow statements should have been filed timely.

17. – 19. As these paragraphs merely repeat the language of certain cases and are argumentative, no response is required. The Debtor, however, admits that the U.S. Trustee has accurately quoted the cases cited.

20. The Debtor does not believe that it has “ignored” or “flouted” its obligations. As the Debtor has reported to the U.S. Trustee at various times, there has been no income during the time at issues.

22.[sic] - 23. Admitted.

24. The Debtor admits that the requests are reasonable, but denies the other assertions of this paragraph.

25. Denied.

ARIEL LLC

Dated: February 19, 2025

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